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Dear Sir:

The filing date listed on the Filing Receipt of the application for the present case is incorrect. Applicants filed their application on July 6, 2000, yet the Filing Receipt indicated a date of July 5, 2000.

Applicants requested a corrected Filing Receipt on August 29, 2000 and included the Express Mail label for the application as evidence of the July 6, 2000 date. However, to Applicants' knowledge the request has not yet been acted upon.

Applicants faxed a reminder request for issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections on March 3, 2004, which also has not yet been responded to.



Applicants respectfully request that the records be corrected, as they do not wish their patent to issue with the incorrect filing date information listed on it. Should there be any questions about this matter, kindly contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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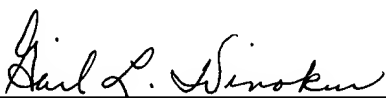
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